

# CITY TO WELCOME BETTER BASEBALL

International League Opening on  
Tuesday Will Be Gala  
Affair.

## ARE AFTER RECORD CROWD

Dunn Will Have First-Class Ag-  
gregation Ready to Start  
Season.

Welcome, International League.  
The Times-Dispatch, voicing the sentiment of the baseball element of Richmond and Virginia, extends the heartiest of greetings and wishes for success for the Dummies and the Barrow circuit for this and the seasons to come.

On Tuesday this city makes its bow to the world as a "Double A" baseball town, graduating as it were, from the Virginia League into bigger things. It will be associated with cities of many times in population, but Richmond is a baseball center, and it will show the country that it is one of the best supporters of the national pastime of the big league circuits.

The Times-Dispatch is for better baseball, and through its columns will do its share to boost the newest enterprise. Perhaps, at times, criticisms of playing or acts of officials may be indulged in, but the general idea will be to build, and not destroy. The only reason criticisms will be made is to benefit the people who, with their money, keep the club afloat and to promote this self same idea.

Richmond is ready to lend a hand to make the International League a success here in its newest territory. For that reason the fans are urged to turn out in full force to make the opening one of the biggest occasions in the history of the city. The aim should be to exceed the attendance in any city of its size in the country.

**MAYOR HAS PROCLAIMED  
HALF-HOLIDAY TUESDAY**  
Mayor George Ainslie has taken a step in the right direction by making the opening day a half-holiday, and the many business houses in the city are to be commended for giving their employees a chance to get out to Broad Street Park to see the first ball thrown across the plate. Civic organizations will be there in a body, and Governor Henry Carter Stuart and other State and city officials will lend their presence to the occasion.

Everybody is boosting now, and the past performance of the local fans has been a great encouragement. Dunn has practically a new team ready to open the season, and if this aggregation don't stack up well in comparison with the other teams, he will spare no expense to get players that can win games.

There should be a record-breaking crowd at the ball lot when the lid is pried off by the Toronto Leafs, under the management of Derby Day Bill Clymer. The Clover Leafs, taking their name from the emblem of the hustling Canadian city, have been in training for several weeks at Durham, N. C., and from all indications are in tip-top shape for the season.

Dunn has strengthened his team by the acquisition of Arragon, the sensational Cuban infielder. Sam Crane, who played great ball for Connie Mack during the training season, will form part of the inner circle, and Neal Ball will be there both in fielding and with the willow. The initial corner will probably be covered by Brick McIntire, but there is a strong possibility that another first baseman may be secured. Dunn now being on a still hunt in the North for a couple of new men.

**OUTFIELD AND PITCHING  
STAFF LOOKS STRONG**  
The gardens will be occupied by Hoffman and Bates, two permanent fielding and stick experts. Breckenridge, who is a proven fielder, will be replaced if his work does not measure up to Class AA standards during the opening clashes.

Jarman, Morrisette, Russell and Sterzer will comprise the pitching staff. Jarman, pitcher, is a proven winner, and Russell, pitcher, is a proven winner. Morrisette, pitcher, is a proven winner. Sterzer, pitcher, is a proven winner. Jarman, pitcher, is a proven winner. Russell, pitcher, is a proven winner. Morrisette, pitcher, is a proven winner. Sterzer, pitcher, is a proven winner.

Tickets for the opening game are now on sale. For the convenience of the fans they have been placed on sale at all the colleges in the city. The game, which will start promptly at 4 o'clock, there will be a street parade, headed by Governor Stuart, Mayor Ainslie, President Ed Barrow, of the International League, President J. J. McCaffery, of the Toronto club, and scores of automobiles. A brass band will enliven the occasion, and will also perform at the park.

A number of out-of-town fans have made reservations for the opening day, low rates being offered by the leading railroads. To avoid congestion, the Virginia Railway and Power Company will put all the college students in the city on the train for the opening day. The train will arrive Sunday night and will work out at Broad Street Park.

The Dummies played their last exhibition game yesterday afternoon, and will hold signal practices and general team workouts to-morrow.

## HOLD JOINT MEET

Spiders and Marshallites Stringing  
Events Over Period of Week.

Two events of the joint track meet between Richmond College and John Marshall High School teams were run off at the college stadium yesterday afternoon. From the two events the Spiders drew thirteen points and the Marshallites drew five points.

The results of the events were the 550-yard run won by Thompson, of John Marshall, and the 100-yard dash won by the Spider sprinters. Three of them outclassing the Marshallites, the Spider sprinters, in the first, second and third places.

The rest of the events will be strung out over Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

This meet is giving both the Spiders and the Marshallites good practice. The former are rounding in shape for the South Atlantic championship meet in Baltimore on May 7 and 8.

The results of the events follows: 100-yard dash—Ligon (R. C.), first; Craig (R. C.), second; Durham (R. C.), third. Time, 10-2-5 seconds. (J. M. H. S.), first; Cheatham (R. C.), second; Landrum (R. C.), third.

# These Men Will Start International League on Its New Season on Tuesday



Pres. Alvin M. Smith

## PROCLAMATION

Mayor's Office, April 24, 1915.

To the People of Richmond:  
Tuesday, April 27, is the opening day of the season of the International Baseball League. Richmond's membership in this league marks her graduation into higher baseball company. The season opens here between Richmond and Toronto. The president of the Toronto club, Mr. McCaffery, and the president of the league, Mr. Barrow, will be here to witness this game. A large delegation of Toronto fans is expected to be present to help us open the season. His Excellency, the Governor of the Commonwealth will throw out the first ball. Accounts of this game will be published wherever baseball news is carried. Let us all go out and make it a gala occasion. If you have employees who wish to attend, please let them do so in cases where it will not unduly interfere with your business. Matters of concern have determined to shut down for the afternoon. If you can do this, so much the better. Remember the date—Tuesday, April 27. Game called at 4 P. M.

Respectfully,  
GEORGE AINSLIE,  
Mayor.

## COUNTRY CLUB ENGAGES ENGLISH TENNIS COACH

Walter Manice, Noted Player, Will  
Instruct Local Racquetters  
Before Tourney.

## GREAT INTEREST IN SPORT

Noted Tennis Experts From All Over  
Country Will Take Part in Old  
Dominion Tournament—Miss Bjur-  
stedt, Indoor Champ, Coming.

The Old Dominion Tennis Tournament, which will be held on the courts at the Country Club of Virginia during the week of May 21, will attract experts from several countries, and will furnish entertainment to those who follow that sport.

The members of the Country Club of Virginia have secured the services of Walter Manice, an English tennis player, who had made quite a record in the North, to coach the individual players. He is at present at Lawrenceville, but will come here the first of May to enter upon his duties.

Miss Molla Bjurstedt, the Norwegian champion, and winner of the indoor championship of the United States, recently contested for in New York, has advised the local committee that she will be here to participate in the tourney. Miss Florence Ballin, of New York, who played in the doubles with Miss Bjurstedt, in New York, will also enter the Old Dominion Tournament.

There is a strong possibility that the entry list will include such famous players as Richard Norris Williams, Jr., member of the Davis cup team; Karl H. Behr, one of his team mates; Irving C. Wright, Miss Eleanor Sears, Miss Marie Wagner, Miss Anne Sheehan and other well-known national celebrities.

Acceptances have been received already from M. E. F. Adams, Dallas, Tex. tournament committee, from Messrs. Pell and Wright, the later the Southern States. Others who have accepted invitations are F. C. Colston, Baltimore; Andrew Allen, New York; R. L. James, Philadelphia; J. B. E. Jones, Providence; J. H. Adams, New York; Osterdorf, New York; H. M. Balch, Maplewood, N. J.; Fred A. Major, Brooklyn; Fred J. Anderson, Baltimore; H. Eugene Heine, Philadelphia; Charles Fisher, Baltimore, and Eaton Mansfield, Atlanta. In addition to these ranking players in a four lights in tennis world will be here.

The women's challenge cup will have some well-known competitors. Among those who will play are Miss Marie Wagner, national indoor champion; Miss Elizabeth Moore, New York; Miss Clara Cassel, New York; Mrs. Constance Sullivan, Norfolk, and many others.

The cups which will be up for the winners have been contracted for and will soon be on display.

## ROANOKE COLLEGE BEATS CADETS BY HARD HITTING

V. M. I. Was Unable to Hit Tiffery  
With Any Success—Visitors  
Bounced Swath.

LEXINGTON, VA., April 24.—Tiffery had the Cadets under a day, and Roanoke College easily defeated Virginia Military Institute, 5 to 3. Roanoke bunched hits in the fourth, making four runs. For Roanoke, the feature was Tavenner's batting, while Marshall played a great game at center field for the Cadets. His catch of Moore's long fly was the fielding feature. All Roanoke's putouts were made by Moore, Knisley, Haslett and Huddle.

Score by Innings: R. H. E.  
Roanoke.....0 0 0 4 2 0 0 0 3 10 2  
V. M. I.....0 0 0 0 0 2 0 0 1 3 9 3  
Batteries: Tiffery and Haslett; J. P. and Mahone.  
Summary: Two-base hit—Craft. Three-base hit—Gellipie. Home run—Tavenner. Stolen bases—Haslett, Tavenner, Duncan. Base on balls—O'Pitts, 4. Left on bases—Roanoke, 5; Cadets, 6. Hit by pitched ball—Craft, Knisley. Struck out—By Tiffery, 8; by Potts, 5. Umpire, Raftery, Washington and Lee.



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The Richmond Squad

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Capt. Neal Ball



The Toronto Squad



Pres. Edward Barrow

## INTS BEAT OLD TIMERS IN HOTLY-FOUGHT GAME

Former Professionals Lose Snappy  
Contest to Dunn's Hired  
Men.

## NEW INFIELDER PLAYED

Sam Crane Went In at Short, While  
Arragon Replaced Long at Third.  
Leaguers Had to Work Hard to  
Win Game.

They tell us that history repeats itself, but that little old maxim went slightly wrong yesterday afternoon, when the Richmond Ints pulled a victory from the hands of the "Old Pros" by the close score of 5 to 4. The old war horses, under the leadership of Stanley Bieble, were in for victory, and played for all they were worth during the nine innings. The fans seemed to be about evenly divided, cheering first one team and then the other.

Leo Whitfield, the former Battle Axe star, did the twisting for the "come-backs," while Captain Neal Ball sent Jarman to the mound. Both pitchers were in excellent form and twirled magnificent ball.

The game started off with a vim and dash, both sides showing an extra amount of ginger. For the first four innings the "old-timers" went out one, two, three, not making a hit until the fifth inning, when "Cheese" Lela smashed a three-bagger to right field, but was left stranded on that station. In the sixth inning the "Old Pros" nixed a hit when Whitfield bent out an infield tap, advanced to third on an out and scored on a fielder's choice. The "old-timers" big inning was the eighth, when they forged ahead of the Dummies by bringing across three runs. Morien hit to center and remained anchored on first, while two of his teammates were retired. Then the



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Mr. Bill Clymer

## YELLOW JACKETS LICKED BY WILLIAM AND MARY

Randolph-Macon Gives Marston Very  
Poor Support in Tight  
Places.

## GARNETT IS EFFECTIVE MAN

Williamsburg Twirler Allows Only  
Five Sattered Hits—Jackets Score  
One Run in First, but Are Blank-  
eted Rest of Game.

ASHLAND, VA., April 24.—William and Mary defeated Randolph-Macon here today by the score of 5 to 1. The Yellow Jackets started out well, taking the lead in the first inning, but they were unable to hold it long.

In the fourth, William and Mary scored two runs and gradually added to their tallies, while the Yellow Jackets were unable to solve Garnett's shoats.

The Yellow Jackets' boots were costly, getting Marston in a hole, from which he was unable to extricate himself. It was in the fourth inning that the bad work started. Addition, the first man up, popped out to the infield. Marston walked Newton, Tucker struck out, but the ball hit in front of the plate and bounced over William's head, Tucker taking second. Gaines an easy out. If Hardaway hadn't let the ball get through him, Marston struck out on the error. Marston struck the next man out, and retired the side when Jones grounded out.

## BARROW PREDICTS GOOD SEASON FOR RICHMOND

What International League Pres-  
ident Writes About Season Which  
Is About to Open.

BY EDWARD G. BARROW.

Words cannot express my satisfaction at having Richmond as a member of the International League circuit. On behalf of myself and every official in the league, I heartily greet our new city, and from everything I see and hear, I know that the Richmond public will reciprocate.

The outlook for a successful season in the International League grows brighter every day. Our last meeting was a most successful and harmonious one; the club owners and myself were very favorably impressed with President Smith, the Richmond club's representative. The season of 1915 should be a record breaker for Richmond, in the way of enthusiasm and attendance, with two such men as Alvin M. Smith and Jack Dunn at the helm.

Jack Dunn has proven himself to be one of the greatest managers in the business, being not only a splendid judge of players and a wonderful team builder, but a clever leader on the ball field as well. He has a knack of making his players out for their best efforts at all times. Ball players that have shown only ordinary ability under other managers will perform like major league stars for Dunn.

Dunn's splendid record at Baltimore was deserving of better treatment than was accorded to him by the fans of that city. Baltimore's loss is Richmond's gain, however, and when it is known that Jack passed up several major league offers to go to Richmond, I trust that the fans will show their appreciation during the coming season by turning out in such large numbers that he will have no reason to regret his choice. They, in return, will witness a quality of baseball pretty close to major league caliber.

It is hardly fair to expect the Richmond club to win the pennant on its first start, but the fans may rest assured of getting a run for their money every time they visit the ball park the coming season.

The situation at Jersey City has been satisfactorily adjusted. A strong stock company was organized during the coming season by turning out in such large numbers that he will have no reason to regret his choice. They, in return, will witness a quality of baseball pretty close to major league caliber.

I assure you that the International League considers Richmond a strong addition to its circuit. Personally, I will be glad to visit your city again and renew acquaintances from the old Atlantic League days, when I was at the head of that organization, and my old friend Jake Wells was the Jack Dunn of the league.

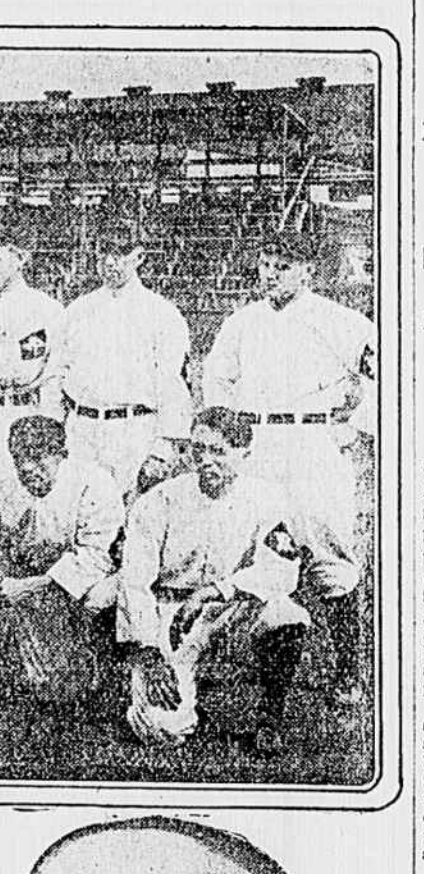


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Jack Dunn

Richmond team—Top row, left to right—Duncan, pitcher; Jarman, pitcher; Ball, captain and second base; Dunn, Jr., utility; Barze, pitcher; Russell, pitcher; Hoffman, outfielder; Sterzer, pitcher; Bates, outfielder.

Bottom row—Long, third base; Schaulde, catcher; Morrisette, pitcher; Breckenridge, outfielder; McIntire, first base; Arragon, third base; Crane, shortstop.

Toronto team—Top row, left to right—Wilson, outfielder; Herbert, pitcher; Prieste, pitcher; Brackett, outfielder; McTigue, pitcher; Manning, pitcher; Brown, outfielder; and Blackie, pitcher.

Middle row, left to right—Trout, utility; Graham, outfielder; Clymer, manager; Wagner, pitcher; Jordan, first baseman; and Kelly, pitcher.

Bottom row, left to right—Roach, shortstop; Sheehan, second baseman; Hollander, third baseman; Konick, catcher; O'Hara, outfielder, and Geyer, pitcher.

## SPIDERS DEFEAT TIGERS IN NINTH-INNING RALLY

Richmond College Retains Hold on  
Top of Championship  
Ladder.

## GAME WAS PRETTY CONTEST

Hampden-Sydney Lost Chance to Win  
When O'Neill Captured Long Fly.  
Winning Run Scored in Last Half  
of Ninth Inning.

Standing of Teams.

Team	Won	Lost	P.C.
Richmond College	2	1	1.000
Hampden-Sydney	1	1	.500
William and Mary	1	1	.500
Randolph-Macon	0	2	.000

Richmond College took a firm hold on the upper rungs of the championship ladder yesterday by defeating Hampden-Sydney by the score of 2 to 0 in the Stadium Field, Westminster. The fracas was witnessed by 1,500 persons.

It was an ideal day for baseball, and the game was fast and snappy. The result was in doubt until the ninth, when a rally gave the Spiders the needed tally. Both teams fielded brilliantly a double out from Carrington of the game. With Anearrow on first, Wiley drove one to the pitcher, who made a beautiful catch, and then called the man off the bag. O'Neill, unable to hit with men on bases, and catch of a long fly stopped an early rally by the Tigers.

It was a pretty pitchers' battle, with Cox having a shade the better of the argument with men on bases. Both men issued a pass. Cox made seven whiffs at the air, while Carrington struck out only two. Carrington hit one batsman. Hampden-Sydney was unable to hit with men on bases, and lost several tallies in this way.

The Spiders started things off with a hum. O'Neill led off with a single to left. Ligan sacrificed. Anearrow flew out to left. O'Neill went to third on a passed ball, and counted when Wiley singled to center.

The Spiders continued their scoring in the third. Cox was safe on an error by Wilson, the Tigers' third sacker. Hampden-Sydney, by the score of 1 to 0, led in the fifth. Wiley singled, and Cox scored when Anearrow went out from pitcher to third.

Cox pulled himself out of a bad hole with two men on and none out. He struck out a batter and made the bases empty. Wiley singled, and Wiley opened the fifth by going out to short. Hodges followed with a terrific drive to center, but O'Neill made a beautiful catch.

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# LEAVES SHAPING UP LIKE A GOOD TEAM

Best Collection of Players That  
Has Represented Toronto  
in a Long Time.

## PITCHERS ONLY WEAKNESS

Manager Clymer Anxious to Se-  
cure Couple More Good Twirl-  
ers for Heavy Work.

DURHAM, N. C., April 24.—The Toronto ball team will do. They are young, they are fast, they are good fielders, and they are to date terrific hitters. The argument that their great batting has been done against Class D pitchers is, of course, a good one, but it must also be considered that these young pitchers down here are ready for their season, while Toronto has been training its batting eye to go against heavier guns in Class AA company.

Manager Clymer is satisfied. That is saying a great deal. He could improve some, of course, but it would have to be with men capable of holding jobs in the major leagues. Right now, as far as the regulars on the team are concerned, Toronto has as nice a set of players in action as has been seen in a long time.

After all, while the fan has no practical interest in anything but the men who are to represent them on the diamond this year, still the poor fellow who has fought hard for a place, and just didn't make it, who must again go out and go at it all over again with some other team, is worthy of sympathy. There wasn't a boy in the camp who didn't fight and encourage, who, properly coached and encouraged, should not make good in this or a higher grade some day. They just haven't rounded to yet, or are a shade only inferior to their opposing candidates for the team. It is disappointing to these young players, but their time is coming.

## HUNT GIVES PROMISE OF BECOMING GREAT PLAYER

Hunt, who is called for Guelph, gives every promise of becoming a fine ball player. Charlie Hunt, the Toronto player, has also just about made good, but Hollander developed such ability in the last week that he could not be sidetracked. Ligan, first baseman, is a Guelph. Prieste, last year's utility man, reported in good shape, and should be a good asset for any Class B, or even Class A club. He has been devoting himself to pitching this spring. Manager Clymer is trying to place Prieste, but has experienced more than usual difficulty. Apparently, no one intends carrying more than they have to, and are either pretty well filled up or are hoping for comebacks from the major leagues. Joe Pepe is a nice ball player, but had no chance against Roach at the infield. Jordan, first base, Sheehan, second base, Roach, shortstop, and Hollander, third base.

The catchers have been selected from the beginning in Kelly and Konick. Wilson's bad foot alienates him from the outfield, least for a week or two, and perhaps longer. After the season starts, it is the intention to send him back to Toronto to try to bring the foot right, instead of carrying him until the club moves out of Richmond. The outfield, even without this splendid young player, is still strong in Brown, O'Hara, Brackett and Graham. The deal for Wilson is not yet completed, and may or may not be. He is in the price asked warrants consideration. Of course, if Wilson comes around the team could do well enough without Brown, but if he does not, the Washington recruit is pretty near a certainty.

## CLYMER ONLY WORRIED NOW ABOUT TWIRLERS

Brown is a youngster, coming up and has every qualification to be a great ball player. He hits out like our own Jack White used to do, and he hits hard. Unless the price asked stays up to the unreachable point Brown will stay up to the probability stay with Toronto. If Washington continues to ask an exorbitant price for him it would be out of the question to buy him.

Graham improves every day and Brackett is up to the standard right now. Brown and Brackett are both very fast on bases and Graham, for a big man, is a fast runner.

These are the new ones. O'Hara has shown the same ability as in former years, and is, of course, a live candidate. Wilson, the best prospect of the lot, of course, is in all departments, is still a doubtful case. He is in the hands of an osteopath, who says the trouble lies in the muscles lying under the instep on the inside of the foot. He still hopes, and Manager Clymer is not better than that, however. One thing is certain, Wilson won't be ready for the opening, April 27.

How can Jack White be all right, all right, the outfield is all right, and the catchers are all right, and it is up to the pitchers. What the present eight may do is at present problematical. Manager Clymer has the advantage of a good new man or two, and has sent out a distress signal to President McCaffery. "At least one first-class pitcher must be secured yet," says Manager Clymer.

## PLAY LAST GAME

Five Trinity Players Appear in Final  
Contest Against Gamecocks.

DURHAM, N. C., April 24.—In the last game of the season on the local diamond, Trinity had little difficulty in slugging University of South Carolina for a 13 to 5 score today.

Both teams hit frequently, but Thorne's triple and home run, the first ever scored by a Trinity player on the new field, and Flythe's single, double and brace, triples out of three, and five times at the plate, respectively, will long be remembered as the best records of the year. Trinity's fielding was almost perfect. Maddox caught perfect ball.

Five Trinity players, Maddox, Thorne, Siler, Carver and Few will remember to-day's game as their last intercollegiate game on the Trinity diamond. Kanipe preceded them in his victory yesterday.

Batteries: Barksdale, Stoney and Martin; Maddox and Earnhardt.